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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT CARDS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)have issued guidelines whereby the International Credit Cards can be used for any purpose including the import of items permissible under Exim Policy;

(b) if so, whether Indian travellers can use International Credit Cards and then regularize their spending in foreign exchange abroad on arrival in India; and

(c) if so, the salient features of rules and guidelines issued by the RBI in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a):- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued acircular regarding use of International Credit Cards in foreign exchange transactions. International Credit Cards can be used on internetfor any purpose for which exchange can be purchased from an authorized dealer in India. or import of any other items permissible under EXIM policy.

(b) & (c):- RBI has further reported thatresidents can use International Credit Cardwhile abroad. RBI has clarified that the term `currency`, inter alia, includes Credit Cards, ATM Cards and Debit Cards etc. and all the rules, regulationsmade and directions issued under the Foreign Exchange Management Act apply to Credit Cards, ATM Cards, Debit Cards etc. alsoAccordingly, payments by the Credit Cards, ATM Cards, DebitCards etc. being only different methods of payment, all the rules, regulations made and directions issued under the Act apply to Credit Cards, ATM Cards, Debit Cards etc. also.